

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title with the following:

Method and System for Categorizing Electronic Communication Based on
Sender Initiated Category Negotiation

Please replace paragraph 25 with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] As used throughout this specification, the term "agent" refers to an automated system that, once configured by a user, has some independence of action. An intelligent agent may change its behavior over time based upon its interactions with other users and/or other agents. An agent may be distributed or local, autonomous or controlled. Thus, for our purposes, an agent can be any software system, or a combination of software and hardware (or firmware) systems. It is further understood that where the reference is made to a software system, the software system is residing in any computer readable medium, such as a magnetic storage medium, a CD-ROM, or a computer memory device, i.e., stored on any such readable medium, and/or is executing on any suitable hardware, such as a general purpose computer or a dedicated computation device.